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FOREIGN-LANGUAGE REFERENCES

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German Patent No. 10107158 A1: The corresponding US application (US Patent No. 6,408,618) shows: A controller for a cylinder cut-off type internal combustion engine is provided for ensuring an activated state of catalysts in cylinders, which are stopped during a partial cylinder operation, at all times to maintain favorable emission characteristics upon switching from the partial cylinder operation to a full cylinder operation, and for maintaining a satisfactory fuel consumption rate by conducting the partial cylinder operation to the utmost. The cylinder cut-off type internal combustion

engine can be switched between the partial cylinder operation and the full cylinder operation. Exhaust gas from cylinders in a left bank is purified by two catalyst units in exhaust pipes independent of each other. The controller estimates an estimated catalyst temperature of the catalyst for the right bank, and disables the partial cylinder operation when the estimated catalyst temperature is below a predetermined temperature.

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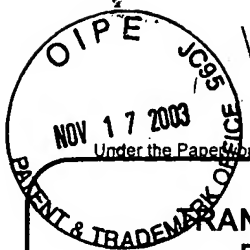
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